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OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE-URBAN SECTOR GROUP-SUMMARY

REPORT OF NOVEMBER 7-9, 1973 MEETING

1. SUMMARY: STATEMENT ON TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS IN PLANNED COMMUNITIES ADOPTED. STUDIES ON EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS FOR URBAN GROWTH AND ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AIRPORT PLANNING WERE PRESENTED; CONCLUSIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION AT NEXT MEETING. 1974 PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE: IMPROVEMENT OF CENTRAL CITY AREAS; STRATEGIES FOR URBAN NOISE ABATEMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS. CONGRESSMAN HAMMERSCHMIDT ATTENDED AS OBSERVER. NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24-26, 1974. END SUMMARY.

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2. CONCLUSIONS ON TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS IN PLANNED

COMMUNITIES ADOPTED AFTER AMENDMENT. ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO RECOMMEND DESRESTRICTION.

3. PAPERS WERE PRESENTED ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY
INSTRUMENTS TO INFLUENCE URBAN GROWTH. FOLLOWING
ASPECTS WERE COVERED: SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES;
METROPOLITAN AREAS; URBAN LAND MARKETS; EVALUATION OF STRATEGIES.
AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
THE GROUP AT THE SPRING 1974 MEETING.

4. STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AIRPORT PLANNING WAS
DISCUSSED, AFTER PRESENTATIONS ON PARIS-NORTH AIRPORT AND THE
MAPLIN-LONDON AIRPORT. SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED
BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, AND THE STATEMENT WAS REFERRED BACK
FOR REDRAFTING TO KAI LEMBERG, CHAIRMAN OF AIRPORT WORKING PARTY.
EITHER INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS OR, IF NOT FEASIBLE, INCLUDING
THEM IN A MINORITY STATEMENT. PAPER WILL BE RESUBMITTED SPRING
1974.

5. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION SUBMITTED PROJECT FOR INCLUSION IN
1974 PROGRAM ON ASSESSMENT OF LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS OF OUTDOOR
ENVIRONMENT IN EXISTING URBAN AREAS. THIS PROPOSAL ADOPTED
UNANIMOUSLY. PROJECT WILL START SPRING
1974 LEADING TO SECTOR GROUP DISCUSSION AT FALL 1974 MEETING.

6. OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED:

A. REPORTS ON ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIES FOR URBAN NOISE ABATEMENT,
TO BE CONSIDERED AT SPRING 1974 MEETING.
B. DETAILED PROGRAM FOR INVESTIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS
(A SET OF MEASURES OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY) TO BE SUBMITTED
AT SPRING MEETING, AND BACKGROUND PAPERS AT FALL 1974 MEETING.
C. PROPOSAL FOR POLICY ANALYSIS OF LAND USE PLANNING AS AN
INSTRUMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WAS ENDORSED BY SECTOR
GROUP WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE INITIATED BY SECRETARIAT
WITH SUPPORT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF INTERESTED NATIONS.

7. ON NOMINATION OF US DEL LEMBERG (DENMARK) ELECTED CHAIRMAN.
GODCHOT (FRANCE) AND NEUTZE (AUSTRALIA)
ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMEN TO JOIN SCIMEMI (ITALY)
STECKEWEH (WEST GERMANY) ON BUREAU. PARLOUR (CANADA) BRITTON
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(U.S.), RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN, WERE WARMLY
COMMENDED BY THE GROUP FOR THEIR DEVOTED EFFORTS AND EFFECTIVE
LEADERSHIP.

8. US DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF: T.R. BRITTON (HUD),
REPRESENTATIVE; J. HEDLUND (HUD) AND P. BRACE (HUD URBAN
AFFAIRS OFFICER IN PARIS) ADVISERS. ATTENDING THE MEETING
AS OBSERVERS WERE: CONGRESSMAN J. HAMMERSCHMIDT OF HOUSE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE; J. OBERSTAR AND R. PAUL OF COMMITTEE
STAFF AND R. EDMAN, COMMITTEE CONSULTANT.BROWN

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